

Beautifying Our City

From 74 new trees to a Master Gardeners' project in Cumberland Park, city Beautification Awards and West Lafayette in Bloom, spring is bringing a bevy of looking-good projects to town.

"West Lafayette wants to maintain and even enhance our reputation for being a great place to live, and city beautification is an important component," says Mayor John Dennis. "It's noticed well beyond our city limits and has an impact on the companies and people who choose to locate here. One example is *The Scientist* magazine, which recently named Purdue University one of the Best 15 Places to Work in Academia, noting our quality of life as a factor."

Another is Indiana's Department of Natural Resources, which again awarded West Lafayette its Tree City USA designation for 2007.

New Trees, Gardens

The new trees, funded by a Department of Natural Resources grant, the West Lafayette Tree Fund, the city and the Parks Department, are improving residential areas. And the midway where Northwestern meets Sagamore West is being seeded with little bluestem, a native grass.

The Master Gardeners are planning a demonstration garden showcasing new ornamental plant

materials. Check it out later this spring at Cumberland Park, south of the softball fields and north of Farmers Market, on the trail.

Awards to Property Owners

The City is continuing its monthly Beautification Awards to property owners, saluting their landscape contributions to our community. Send your nominations to Beverly Shaw, greenspace administrator, at bshaw@westlafayette.in.gov.

Plant Pink

We're also participating in the America in Bloom contest, which evaluates our city's floral displays, environmental awareness, landscaped areas, tidiness, urban forestry, heritage preservation, turf and groundcovers, and community involvement.

Locally, we're calling the program West Lafayette in Bloom, and encouraging property owners to plant hot pink flowers. "For shady areas, pink impatiens should do well, and in full sun, petunias and geraniums are among many plants that should flower well," Shaw says.

Judges will be in town on June 27 and 28 and will tour throughout the city.

West Lafayette Parks Shine

After weathering a hardy winter, West Lafayette's dozen parks and recreation sites got a cleanup and refurbishing by Parks and Recreation crews. The 450 acres of parks under the city's stewardship have been popular spots since that first warm day, as well as the city's 17.5 miles of trails.

Among the improvements you'll enjoy this spring and summer:

- The municipal pool at Happy Hollow School has three new shade structures, an expanded deck and a new fence.

- Landscaping has been completed at Lincoln Park.
- The three walk bridges in the Michaud-Sinninger Woods all have been replaced.
- Prairie seed has been planted at the Celery Bog Nature Area.

For a map of city, county and Purdue parks and a listing of amenities at city parks, visit www.westlafayette.in.gov.



West Lafayette parks are welcoming a new season and spring spruce-ups are underway as property owners prepare for late June judging for the America in Bloom contest.

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Mayor John Dennis

New Members on Your City Team

Whether its baseball, soccer or City Hall, it takes a team effort to be successful. The City of West Lafayette welcomes these new members to the team.



John Dennis

Mayor
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Sworn in January 1, 2008, Mayor John Dennis brings 23 years' experience in municipal government to the top job. He attended West Lafayette Community Schools, earned bachelor's and master's degrees at Indiana State University, and rose to the rank of Deputy Chief at the Lafayette Police Department. In the community, he's served American Red Cross, Community and Family Resource Center, Girl Scouts, Marquis Foundation and United Way, among others.



Jason Dombkowski

Police Chief
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Jason Dombkowski has served on the West Lafayette Police Department force nearly 15 years, most recently as lieutenant. He earned a

bachelor's in public affairs management at Indiana University. Meeting and exceeding expectations is his goal as chief, as well as working closely with neighborhood, community and university groups.



David Henderson

Wastewater Treatment
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A West Lafayette employee from 1992 to 2003, David Henderson returned to head the Wastewater Treatment Utility, overseeing projects that include the new western interceptor, digester upgrade, alternative power source project, and Barberry Heights and Green Meadow lift stations. Henderson is a 1992 Purdue University graduate and holds Indiana Class IV and Class D Wastewater Certifications.



Betina Cochran

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Lifelong local resident Betina Cochran, a McCutcheon High School graduate, has signed on as the

Mayor's assistant. "It is interesting and fast-paced, with something different happening every day," she says. Cochran's previous experience includes managing a local hotel, working in printing sales and at a manufacturer.



Jami Ade

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A graduate of Rossville High School, Jami Ade is the receptionist in the Mayor's Office. She previously worked in real estate administration.



Eric Burns

City Attorney

Eric Burns brings eight years' municipal experience to his post as city attorney. A graduate of West Lafayette schools, Wabash College and Washington and Lee School of Law, Burns has been a practicing lawyer for 25 years. "I am proud to be serving my hometown and will do my best to make it even better," he says.

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New City Services Brochure



For a handy quick reference to city personnel, codes, ordinances, public works and public safety, pick up a copy of the just-printed City Services brochure at City Hall or download it from our website, www.westlafayette.in.gov.

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The city has a new website: www.westlafayette.in.gov. We regularly post news and information, so please check in often.

On the Job, Serving You

by John Dennis, Mayor

Thanks to all the West Lafayette residents who have welcomed me as Mayor and communicated your wishes for our city. Good listening and good communication are at the top of my list in serving you.

Let me know what's on your mind, if you have a concern or want to pass along a compliment. And we'll stay in touch with you, too, sometimes via mail, at public meetings, with website postings you might find useful, and in the new public access electronic box (see article below).

Another priority for me is working together as a team. From the West Lafayette Council to our department heads, city staff and every resident—youngsters, Purdue students, young professionals and retirees—we must join forces to make our city a place we're proud to call home.

I am honored to be your Mayor and fully committed to the task.

Summer Fun Ahead

Some upcoming events in West Lafayette:

Taste of Tippecanoe • Saturday, June 21, Downtown Lafayette-West Lafayette

Stars & Stripes Concert and Fireworks • July 4, Slayter Hill, Purdue University

Riverfest • Saturday, July 12, Tapawingo Park

Dancing in the Streets • Saturday, July 19, Downtown Lafayette-West Lafayette

Global Fest • Saturday, August 30, Morton Community Center

Art on the Wabash: A Local Artists' Fair • Sunday, September 14, Tapawingo Park



City Newsbits

Be in the Know. Interested in what's happening at City Hall? We hope so! Our new public access electronic box is up and running at <http://public.box.net/clerk>, where you can view documents and agenda for City Council and Board of Works meetings. "Openness in government allows residents to be well informed and pro-active, and this enhances both," says Mayor John Dennis. The Board of Works agenda for 11 a.m. Tuesday meetings is posted on Friday afternoon the week before. And City Council information, too, is uploaded on Friday afternoons. Residents may also access Council information from the city's website, www.westlafayette.in.gov.

Wastewater Treatment Utility.

Infrastructure Systems Inc. of Orleans, Ind., was chosen to complete the Green Meadows Lift Station work; its bid was \$976,000. The work will eliminate sewer overflows during heavy rains and should be completed by October. The second phase of the new sewer interceptor was



completed this spring. Two more phases and the interceptor pipe will be connected to the wastewater plant. The project is targeted for completion in 2012.

Recycling. The city wrapped up 2007 with record recycling. Total collections topped 2,218 tons for revenues of \$98,700, up from 2,124 tons in 2006 and 1,961 tons in 2005. Because mixed paper prices dropped, revenues were not as high, with \$98,700 brought in, compared to 2006's nearly \$112,000.

Police. Rico, a three-year-old Dutch Shepherd, is the new K-9 for the West Lafayette Police Department; he's paired with Officer Adam Ferguson. The department also launched RAD Kids training; for information and program dates, visit www.westlafayettepd.us. "The program provides children with hope, options and practical skills to recognize, avoid and

Rico, pictured with Officer Adam Ferguson, is certified in narcotic detection, suspect tracking, handler protection and crowd control.

escape violence and abuse," says Chief Jason Dombkowski. You'll also see more officers patrolling on bicycles. "Several officers are patrolling in cars with a bicycle on the back, so they can park and ride the bike," the chief says. "Better coverage and citizen interaction are a few goals of this new program."

Trash/Composting. In 2007, 4,275 tons of trash were collected, up from 4,226 tons in 2006 and 3,856 tons in 2005. Yard waste and leaves totaled 1,625 tons in 2007, compared to 2,345 tons in 2006 and 1,530 tons in 2005.

Street Work. Continuing improvements include: Salisbury, from Riley Lane to Rainbow Drive—utility poles are being moved this spring and summer, with new sidewalks, curbs, ramps and bike lanes coming. Cumberland surveying and design engineering start this summer with construction to begin this fall, depending on funding.



The market will be open from 3 to 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday through October 29 in Cumberland Park, off Salisbury Street and north of Cumberland Avenue.

Besides dozens of vendors selling produce, meats, herbs, flowers, baked goods, crafts and other items—with 75 percent of their offerings grown, made or produced in Indiana—the open-air market features a summer full of programs for children and adults.

After three visits, shoppers earn a green tote bag. The market is sponsored by West Lafayette Parks and Recreation and the Sagamore West Area Business Alliance.

Upcoming Market Events

- May 21** Grilling at the Market, culinary expert Amy French
- May 28** Healthy Eating, Purdue Cooperative Extension Service
- June 11** Fire Safety with West Lafayette Fire Inspector Brian Lancaster
- June 18** Grilling at the Market, culinary expert Amy French
- June 25** West Lafayette Police Department visit and program

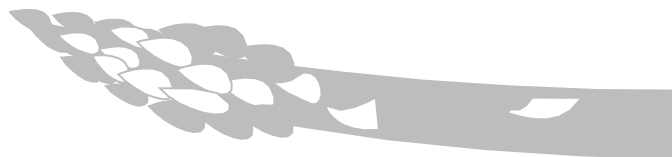
For later programs, check www.westlafayette.in.gov.

The Sagamore West Farmers Market is open every Wednesday from 3 to 6:30 p.m. through October 29 in Cumberland Park, off Salisbury Street and north of Cumberland Avenue.

'Green and Lean' Farmers Market

The Sagamore West Farmers Market is all about "Green and Lean" for its fourth season, with programs focused on health and safety and a marketing campaign funded by a \$38,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Head for West Lafayette's
"Green and Lean" Sagamore West Farmers Market
in Cumberland Park, every Wednesday
from 3 to 6:30 p.m.



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